

STATE OF MAINE
BOARD OF FUNERAL SERVICE

Minutes of May 12, 2015 Board Meeting

Members Present: Robert Barnes, Chair; Brian Mays, Bethel Shields, Chad Poitras, Glenn Henderson, John Brennan, and James Fernald.

Others Present: Torrey Gray, Board Administrator; Ronald Guay, AAG; Dottie Perry, Investigator; Merica Tripp; and Amanda Scott, Board Clerk.

Members Absent:

CALL TO ORDER

Robert Barnes, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

OLD BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

In a motion by Chad Poitras and seconded by Glenn Henderson, the minutes from the March 10, 2015 meeting were approved as written.

Vote: 6 in favor (1 recused – John Brennan)

NEW BUSINESS

LICENSE DENIAL HEARING

Steven Nadeau

The hearing began at 9:05 a.m.

The hearing ended at 9:37 a.m.

A motion was made by Chad Poitras to approve the applicant for examination and licensure and to issue a letter of guidance to the applicant and his supervisor. The practical and written examinations must be completed within six (6) months of this meeting date. The motion was seconded by James Fernald.

Vote: 6 in favor (1 recused – Robert Barnes)

COMPLAINT RE-PRESENTATION(S)

2014-FUN-9886/10504/10517

Complaints were filed against a licensed funeral practitioner alleging unprofessional conduct including, but not limited to, the aiding & abetting of unlicensed practice.

After review and discussion, a motion was made by Glenn Henderson and seconded by Bethel Shields to preliminary deny the renewal application and offer a consent agreement.

Vote: 6 in favor (1 recused – Chad Poitras)

After review and discussion, a motion was made by Bethel Shields and seconded by Glenn Henderson to offer a consent agreement to include a censure, a fine in the amount of \$6000.00 and a period of probation for a minimum of five (5) years to include the inability to supervise any funeral attendant or funeral trainee until continuing education in the areas of professional ethics and supervision in the profession of funeral service acceptable to the Board is completed and the licensee demonstrates that he has been sufficiently rehabilitated to warrant the public's trust, and for violation(s) of 10 M.R.S. § 8003 (5-A)(A)(6) and 32 M.R.S. § 1510.

Vote: 6 in favor (1 recused – Chad Poitras)

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Board Chair

A motion was made by Chad Poitras to elect Glenn Henderson as Board Chair. Brian Mays seconded the motion.

Vote: 7 in favor

OTHER BUSINESS

CHAIR'S REPORT

Robert Barnes thanked the Board for allowing him to serve as Board Chair.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Torrey Gray informed the Board of the status of LD952, An Act Regarding the Licensure of Funeral Service Providers.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, in a motion by Bethel Shields and seconded by John Brennan, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 10:13 am.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for July 14, 2015.